



KALIHI – PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 15

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 KALIHI UNION CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Ryan Mandado called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **Quorum was established with Nine (9) members present.** Note: This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action. Board members present introduced themselves.

Board Members Present – Theresa L. Cummings, Firmo Dayao, Joe Dumayag (departed at 8:04 p.m.), Donald Guerrero, Mark Kamahale, Ryan Mandado, Crystal Medeiros, Keoki Nunies, Jonie Williams (departed at 7:53 p.m.) and Amanda Ybanez (arrived at 7:40 p.m.).

Board Members Absent – Robert Erb, Cy Feng, and Jonan Sagadraca.

Guests – Captain Brandon Fermantez, Fire Fighter 1 Kelaula Kauwe, and Fire Fighter 1 Joshua Hopkins (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Baron Lee and Sergeant Michael O'Neill (Honolulu Police Department – District 1); Lieutenant Brian West and Sergeant Brent Bonnell (Honolulu Police Department – District 5); Oryn Nakamura (Board of Water Supply); Director Sheri Kajiwaru (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Shirley Ann Templo, Dennis Arakaki, and Councilmember Joey Manahan (Councilmember Joey Manahan's Office); Xan Avendeno (Senator Chun Oakland's Office); Representative Karl Rhoads; Representative Romy Cachola and Leo Gozar (Representative Romy Cachola's Office); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit); Nobu Nakamura (Kalihi Union Church); Brian Maeshiro (Kalihi Business Association); Chair Chris Wong, Vice Chair Michael McDonald, and Christina Ayong-Chong (Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No.16); Daniel Alexander (Hawaii Bicycling League); Charisse Marcos, Sarah May, Nicholas Vandenrauld, and Michael Pierce (HPU Nursing Students); Yvonne Quidilla, Krystle Barroga, Susan Kim, Zachary Yamashita, and Brianne Chinen (UH Nursing Students); Cheryl Aiwohi, Ronald Higa, Michelle Tanigawa, Kevin Ayong-Chong, Wilson Delos Santos, and Cohen Salvatieira (Residents); Zoe (Videographer); and Neighborhood Assistant Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office).

PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter 1 Joshua Hopkins reported the following:

- **August 2015 Statistics** – There were 11 structure, 3 wildland, 11 rubbish, and 6 vehicles fires. There were 103 medical emergencies, 4 search and rescues, and 43 miscellaneous calls for service. There was 1 major incident that involved 9 companies.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – The HFD has the following guidelines for senior citizens, which will enable HFD to assist individuals during a medical emergency: Call 911 first for any emergency; have a list of personal medication and medical history available; and know where the advanced directives are such as comfort care only-do not resuscitate-directive and physician orders for life sustaining treatment. If the individual lives alone, ensure that there is adequate access for the first responder. The senior citizen should also have their address marked and clearly visible.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1 – Lieutenant Baron Lee introduced Sergeant Michael O'Neill and reported the following:

- **August 2015 Crime Statistics** – There were 2 motor vehicle thefts, 5 burglaries, 6 thefts, 7 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 8 assaults, 0 sex assault, 0 graffiti, and 0 drug offenses for a total of 360 calls for service.
- **Hurricane Safety Tips** – Hurricane season began in June 2015 and will go through November 2015. To prepare, HPD is asking the community members to prepare, by getting their preparedness/disaster kits ready. Purchase several five (5) gallon buckets with a sealable lid. One (1) bucket should be marked "Go Kit" and the other a "Stay Kit" on the outside of the bucket. Inside the "Go Kit" there should be items such as passports, birth certificates, medicines, high energy nonperishable food for at least seven (7) days,

warm clothing, sanitation items, portable radio, batteries and soap. In the "Stay Kit" there should be photographs, non-essential valuables, and other items so it remains safe and dry. The items will remain secured and for more information go to Hawaii State Civil Defense – disaster preparedness kit website.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Jurisdiction – Chair Mandado asked where District 1's jurisdiction is. Lieutenant Lee responded that from Liliha Street to Punahou Street, just below the freeway.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 5 – Lieutenant Brian West reported the following:

- August 2015 Crime Statistics – There were 15 motor vehicle thefts, 16 burglaries, 106 thefts, and 41 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- Hurricane Safety Tip – Purchase square box containers that can comfortably fit in a closet and store food for the season and occasionally replace food that may be expired. Be prepared in case debit and credit card transfer approvals are unavailable as an after effect of a hurricane. Be prepared by stocking cash to last for one (1) to two (2) weeks.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Jurisdiction – Chair Mandado asked where District 5's jurisdiction is. Lieutenant West responded that the jurisdiction is all of Kalihi.
2. Fights – A resident thanked HPD for patrolling near Kalihi Park and commented that there used to be many fights but there has not been a fight since.
3. Crosswalk Safety – Guerrero asked that if HPD teaches children and adults about crosswalk safety, to please teach them to raise their hand before walking out into the traffic to warn the drivers. Lieutenant West responded that the Board should get involved with the community to sign wave because along with raising a hand at a crosswalk, sign waving does work.
4. Farrington High School – Guerrero raised a concern about the students and faculty not having any regards for the community when leaving the campus. Guerrero noted that they do not have any respect for the stop lights. Lieutenant West responded that it is a difficult time of day because there are many service calls and it is during a shift change.
5. Gang Violence – Cheryl Aiwohi thanked HPD's District 5 and noted that the gang violence has decreased and commented that she has been working with the schools. November 2015 is National Anti-Bullying Month and Aiwohi noted that bullying needs to stop because the gang members do not have any respect for anyone and are violent. Aiwohi noted she will not only protect her family but she is also willing to protect her community and commented that the issue needs to be addressed as a community.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Oryn Nakamura reported the following:

- Water System Improvements – There will be a Water System Improvement that will be a two (2) year project that will start early 2016. For more information call 748-5730.
- Water Main Breaks – There were four (4) water main breaks in August 2015:
 - Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 334 Hookela Place, a 12" inch P.V.C burst that was installed in 1997.
 - Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 1030 Noble Lane, a 6" inch D.I. that was installed in 1993.
 - Friday, August 14, 2015 at 1030 Noble Lane, a 6" inch D.I. that was installed in 1993.
 - Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 455 Kokea Street, a 12" inch C.I. that was installed in 1942.
- 2015 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop Schedule: The BWS and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden offer Saturday workshops that highlight the concept of xeriscaping. Upcoming workshops include: Plants Drink Tea Too on Saturday, September 12, 2015 which is about learning how to mix vermicast and vermicast tea into plant growing matter that will meet the plants' nutritional needs; Daily Uses for Neem on Saturday, September 26, 2015, which is about learning how parts of the Neem tree can be used for organic pest control and as an everyday household remedy; and Economical Aquaponics on Saturday, October 10, 2015 which is about learning how aquaponics systems conserve water and produce organic food. Advanced registration is required to attend. Call 748-5320 or email workshops@hbws.org to reserve a space at a workshop. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com to check out the full list of classes being offered. The Halawa Xeriscape Garden is open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns: Construction – Cummings asked where BWS will start the Water System Improvements construction. Nakamura will follow up.

RESIDENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Board Collaboration – Christina Ayong-Chong and Michael McDonald, from the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16, and noted that they have started a revitalization committee to alleviate the graffiti and other issues in Kalihi. Chair of the committee McDonald noted that the committee can do clean ups and restore some of the beauty in Kalihi before the problems escalate. Guerrero asked for a contact number for those who are interested. McDonald noted that his point of contact is: MMcDonald@nhb@gmail.com. Chair Mandado asked if the committee has had its first meeting yet. Chair Chris Wong of the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 responded that they have not met yet, but the reason that they come to the Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 is because of the things the Boards have in common and offered to work together with Weed and Seed and other organizations as well. Chair Chris Wong noted that he will put Chair Mandado in touch with the Community Policing Team and commented that sign waving is really effective.

PRESENTATIONS

Kalihi Business Association's Annual Christmas Parade – Brian Maeshiro announced that the 69th annual parade will be the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27, 2015. Councilmember Manahan will lead the parade. Ayong-Chong asked where the route will be and if it is the same night as the Liliha parade. Maeshiro responded that the route will be start at the Kalihi Union Church then down King Street and finish at the Kalihi Shopping Center. Maeshiro noted that the parade is the same night as the Liliha parade, just a little after for some of the legislators to make both parades.

New Identification Card Process – Due to technical difficulties, the presentation has been deferred.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Department of Customer Services (CSD) Director Sheri Kajiwarra reported the following:

- Kapalama Canal Fence – Director Kajiwarra deferred the issue to Councilmember Manahan.
- Newsletter – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) partnered for the second year for the "On the Spot" pedestrian safety event on North School Street in Kalihi. Mayor Caldwell and representatives from AARP, HPD, and Kokua Kalihi Valley Community Health Center Elder Care Program were out in force early on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 reminding all road users to work together for pedestrian safety. Walk Wise Hawai'i Street Team's message to pedestrians is simple; look left, right, then left again before entering a crosswalk, and continue to look and watch for cars until they finish crossing. Please do your part to stay alert and stay alive.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Sit/Lie Bill Lawsuit – Guerrero raised a concern about the lawsuit against the Sit/Lie Bill that was on the news. Director Kajiwarra responded that she arrived straight from work and missed the news but will follow up.
2. Satellite City Hall Relocation – Ayong-Chong asked where the Dillingham Satellite City Hall would be relocated to. Director Kajiwarra responded that in a few months it will be on Alakawa Street, near the Costco. Director Kajiwarra commented that it is the old Sprint building.
3. Speed Bumps – Medeiros asked if speed bumps can be installed by the schools in the area. Director Kajiwarra responded that she can put in the request for a study and asked which schools in the area need speed bumps. Medeiros noted Puuhale Elementary and Kalakaua Middle School. Cummings noted that at Kalakaua Middle School, there is only one (1) way in and out for picking up and dropping off the students. Cummings noted that the concern is motorists turning left and not right out of the school. Cummings requested a right turn only sign. Director Kajiwarra responded that the schools are monitored by the State, but Director Kajiwarra will look into the issue.

Ybanez arrived at 7:40 p.m.; 10 members present.

Councilmember Joey Manahan – Councilmember Manahan reported the following:

- Kapalama Canal Fence – The fence will be one (1) mile in length and the fence is needed to enforce the sit/lie bill along the stream banks. Councilmember Manahan noted that housing is the ultimate solution.

- Flooding – In regards to the flooding on LikeLike and King Street, Councilmember Manahan noted that he has met with ENV and is currently working on the flooding issues. It was noted that they are looking at the infrastructure and noted that the flooding occurred because it was an old neighborhood where not many storm drains are.
- Bicycle Track – Councilmember Manahan announced that a bicycle track on North King Street going into Kalihi will be proposed for a better area that works with Rail. Councilmember Manahan asked for the boards support when the time comes.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Overgrowth – Guerrero raised a concern about the overgrown trees that run into the sewers and clogs the drains along North School Street. Guerrero noted that he is unsure if the road is State or City. Councilmember Manahan responded that he will follow up.
2. Flooding – Ayong-Chong noted that she has never seen flooding like that and asked what the difference was between 2000 to now. Councilmember Manahan agreed and noted that there is no definite answer yet, but his most educated guess is a back-up with the sewer hook ups.
3. Complete The Streets – Ayong-Chong raised a concern about HPD citing bicyclists because they are on the sidewalk, near Queen Street and South Street. Councilmember Manahan responded that the department has been looking into the issue and will see if they can change the wording of the statute.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor David Ige's Representative: No representative was present; no report was available.

Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Chair Mandado read the following memo:

- Scholarships – Senator Kim was honored to have presented joint Senate-House certificates to four (4) scholarship recipients whom reside at the Towers at Kuhio Park. To date, the Michaels Organization Educational Foundation have awarded 19 scholarships to residents of KPT since 2012 totaling \$53,000.
- Red Hill Fuel Tank Storage – Senator Kim joined her colleagues, both on the State and Federal level, to a site visit to tour the Red Hill Fuel Tank Storage Facility. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate the storage tanks and get a briefing on what the Navy is doing to prevent any future leaks.
- Groundbreaking Ceremony at Kapiolani Community College (KCC) – Senator Kim attended a groundbreaking ceremony at KCC for the construction of a culinary institute. The Culinary Institute of the Pacific is expected to be completed by December 2016.

Williams departed the meeting at 7:53 p.m.; Nine (9) members present.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland: No representative was present; a report was available.

Representative Karl Rhoads – Representative Rhoads reported the following:

- Pavements – Received a complaint and a request to have Makalapua Place repaved. The issue was forwarded to the City. The City recently repaved Makalapua Place, Halona Place, Kaauwai Place, and Kokea Street.
- Unkempt Grass – Received a complaint regarding the unkempt grass along the sidewalk on the Makai side of Kaumualii Street just Diamondhead of 1519 Kaumualii Street. The issue has been forwarded to the City.
- Sidewalk Damage – The sidewalk fronting 928 Winant Street is damaged and the issue was forwarded to the City.
- TheBus Estimated Arrival Sign – The bus solar estimated arrival sign at stop No. 3162 in front of Farrington High School does not seem to be working. The issue had been forwarded to the City.
- McNeill Street Sweep – Received a request to have McNeill Street swept between Dillingham Boulevard and Waiakamilo Road. The request has been forwarded to the City.
- Kalakaua District Park – Received a complaint that the lights are out on the Makai side of Kalakaua District Park. The issue has been forwarded to DPR.
- Potholes – Received a complaint regarding the potholes in front of 1519 Kaumualii Street. The issue has been forwarded to the City.
- Sidewalk – The sidewalk is uplifted across the street from 811 Kaiwiula Street. The issue has been forwarded to the City.

- No Street Sign – There is no street sign at the corner of Alokele Street and Kaiwiula Street. The issue was forwarded to the City.

Dumayag departed at 8:04 p.m.; Eight (8) members present.

Representative Romy Cachola – Leo Gozar circulated a handout and reported the following:

- OCCC Update – Representative Cachola checked with the Finance Committee Chair and was informed that the funding needed to build 1,500 cells in Halawa Prison would cost \$900 million. The building must be finished completely before transfer of inmates can be facilitated. The entire project is still under study.
- Community Health Fair – The well-attended Community Health Fair held on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Susannah Wesley Community Center, was a huge success. Patients and attendees took advantage of the free services performed by volunteer medical care physicians and providers. A project of St. Anthony Filipino Catholic Club, the annual health fair have treated a number of patients with high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and high blood sugar. The organizing committee chaired by Dr. Erlinda Cachola, MD, wishes to thank the volunteers and sponsors who participated in the event.

BOARD BUSINESS

Youth Gang Prevention Resolution – Chair Mandado read the BE IT RESOLVED sections. Arakaki noted that Councilmember Manahan and other legislators decided to suspend the task force but will continue with the anti-graffiti task force. The reason it was suspended was because there was no chance to develop a resource letter for the parents in different languages. Arakaki noted that the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 expressed interest in collaborating with the Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 to alleviate the issues in all of Kalihi.

Cummings moved and Guerrero seconded that the Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 support the Youth Gang Prevention Resolution. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0. (AYE: Cummings, Dayao, Guerrero, Kamahale, Mandado, Medeiros, Nunies, and Ybanez.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) – Pat Lee reported the following:

- West Oahu Farrington Highway – The West Oahu Farrington Highway Guideway portion (from East Kapolei to Pearl Highlands) is now 72% completed. The Kamehameha Highway portion (from Pearl Highlands to Aloha Stadium) is 40% completed, and the Rail Operations Center in Waipahu is 77% completed.
- Projects Update – The balanced cantilever over the H1/H2 merge should be completed by the end of the year. The crossing over Fort Weaver Road is completed and tracks will be installed.
- Starting Projects – There will be another crossing near the Waiau Power Plant using a balanced cantilever method. Kiewit is currently drilling for the foundations on both sides of the H1 overpass near the HECO Power Plant and the Sears Distribution Center and will begin the column work later this year. The structure is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016. The H2 ramp into the Pearl Highlands station and park and ride lot has been awarded to Royal Contracting, and that work will be starting.
- Moving forward – HART will be awarding future contracts for the Airport Guideway and Stations (Pearl Harbor, Airport, Lagoon, Middle), the Kamehameha Highway Stations Group (Pearl Highlands, Pearl Ridge, Aloha Stadium), the City Center Guideway and Stations (Kalihi, HCC, Iwilei, Chinatown, Downtown, Civic Center, Kakaako, Ala Moana), and the Dillingham Utilities and Road Widening contracts end of this year through the spring of next year. The first rail cars are expected to arrive early next spring for testing. Over four (4) miles of the guideway have now been completed.
- Latest Construction Highlights – There have been 290 foundation shafts placed, 204 columns erected, 3,290 segments casted, and 170 spans laid.
- Shop and Dine on the Line – HART has launched a new program called “Shop and Dine on the Line”, which is a partnership between HART and dozens of businesses in Pearl City, Aiea and Waipahu that features special offers and discounts on shopping, dining and other services along the rail route. The program is designed to assist businesses during rail construction by encouraging the public to patronize them and use the discounts and other promotions these businesses are offering. Please visit: www.shopanddineontheline.com for more details and a list of the participating businesses. For traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulutransit.org.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Compensation Program – Dayao asked and Lee responded that the Shop and Dine Online helps with the businesses that were affected by Rail and noted that the Federal Transit Association (FTA) does not allow the Rail project to compensate businesses for their losses. There is a program for lost property and relocation funds.

Chair Mandado called for a two (2) minute recess at 8:13 p.m.

Chair Mandado called the meeting back to order at 8:15 p.m.

Hearing no objections, Chair Mandado took the agenda out of order to New Identification Card Process.

New Identification Card Process – Director Kajiware presented the A-B-C's of RealID. Director Kajiware announced that due to the RealID Act of 2005, the Federal Government set the standards for all ID cards.

- Phase 1 and 2 are mostly behind the scenes, dealing with infrastructure and other similar issues.
- Phase 3 started January 2015, where someone without a RealID cannot enter a federal building. Some states pushed the date back to October 2015.
- Phase 4 will begin January 2016, it is where everyone needs to turn in either the ID card or their license because only one (1) will be needed.

In September 2013 Hawaii became the 20th State to be fully compliant with the Federal guidelines.

The requirements for an ID card are:

- Full Legal Name
- Signature
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Unique ID number
- Proof of Residency
- Front Facing Photo

The most common documents needed are:

- Original Birth Certificate and a Social Security Card and two (2) forms of proof of residency.
- Passport with Social Security Card.

For more information, visit the document guide online at: www2.honolulu.gov/documentguide or call 532-7730

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Signature – Kamahele asked if the signature on a driver's license and a social security card have to be the same. Director Kajiware responded that the signatures should be similar but what is really important is the name and number.
2. Age – Cummings asked what the youngest age an ID can be issued. Director Kajiware responded that around the school age, maybe 6 years old would be the youngest.
3. Long Names – A resident raised a concern about having long names on the ID card. Director Kajiware responded that it was an issue before but the program is run by the State but is ruled by the counties.
4. Homeless – Arakaki asked about the homeless people who do not have a permanent address. Director Kajiware responded that the purpose of the guidelines are for National Security purposes and many agencies can assist the homeless with getting a copy of the documents needed for an ID card.
5. Other State License – Dayao noted that he has a valid Washington ID and asked what documents he would need to transfer his ID to a Hawaii State ID. Director Kajiware responded that the Washington ID needs to be compliant with the federal guidelines but would need to take the written test.
6. Documents – Ayong-Chong noted that some companies are not able to add a hyphenate to their bills and asked how would the process work. Director Kajiware responded that there are many different options that can prove residency and noted that the document guide online shows the many different bills that can be used.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 19, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Hearing no objections, the Kalihi/Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED the August 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes, 8-0-0 (Aye: Cummings, Dayao, Guerrero, Kamahele, Mandado, Medeiros, Nunies, and Ybanez).

OTHER REPORTS

Chair's Report – There was no report at this time.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Cummings reported that \$31.91 was spent in August 2015, leaving a remaining balance of \$267.45. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting –The next Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 regular meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at the Kalihi Union Church, 2214 North King Street.
- Olelo – The Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 recordings can be seen on Olelo channel 49 or at www.olelo.org/live at the following times:
 - 1st Monday of each month at 9:00 p.m.
 - 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed and Finalized by: Chair Ryan Mandado